

#### **DETAILED ACTION**

Applicants response filed 02/19/2008 is acknowledged.

Applicants amended the claims.

Claims 1-10 are pending.

#### **EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT**

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mathew M. Jacob on 04/11/2008.

DELETE	Claim 6, line 2, "a quasi drug"
DELETE	Claim 7, line 1, "healthy"
REPLACE	Claim 7, line 1, 6 with 5
DELETE	Claim 9, line 2, "a quasi drug"
DELETE	Claim 10, line 1, "healthy"

#### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102**

Applicants amendments to claims by adding the limitation of the nature of the soybean saponin "whose group A saponin content is 50% or more" overcome the previously presented rejection under 35 USC § 102 because prior art does not teach Group A saponin content of 50%.

#### **Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103**

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Applicants amend claims by adding a limitation of the nature of the soybean saponin "whose group A saponin content is 50% or more". The saponin contents have been divided into three classes depending on the chemical structure of their triterpene components: soya saponins of groups A, B and E. In a comparative study, the instantly claimed soybean saponin showed unexpectedly superior solubilization of flavanoids in aqueous medium.

Claims 1-10 allowed.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to NIZAL S. CHANDRAKUMAR whose telephone number is (571)272-6202. The examiner can normally be reached on 8.30 AM - 4.30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Janet Andres can be reached on 571 0272-0867. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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